FICCI Suggestion for Promotion of Pollution Treatment Facility

332. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to promote pollution treatment facility as an industry to reduce the capital cost and ensure proper pollution disposals;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a green buffer zone around the hazardous industries to bring down the toxicity of the effluents; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested to Government that there is need to provide financial and physical incentives to give an impetus to pollution control and prevention programmes of industries. Financial incentives are provided for installing polution control devices. Special efforts have been made in providing funds to industries to augment their pollution control system in order to conform to the prescribed standards.

(c) and (d) In according environmental clearance to projects it is stipulated that a greenbelt should be created around the plants in question.

Killing of Tigers by Poachers

333. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what according to the estimates, if any, is the number of tigers killed by the poachers in various parts of the country during 1990 as against the tigers killed in 1989;

(b) what percentage the population of tigers has been reduced at the end of 1990 and the areas where tiger population has been reduced;

(c) whether any critical review of the Project Tiger has been made by Government besides the measures taken so far to protect the tiger population in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The number of tigers as reported to have been killed by the poachers during the financial year 1988-89 and 1989-90 are as follows:

State	Number of tigers poached during	
	1988-89	1989-90
(i) Orissa	2	1
(ii) Rajasthan	1	..
(iii) Karnataka	1	..
(iv) Maharashtra	6	1
(v) Andhra Pradesh	2	..
(vi) Uttar Pradesh	2	4
(vii) Assam	3	2
Total :	17	8